# AASP Award Nomination Application

Information

AASP's annual Awards recognize the outstanding contributions of student and professional members whose work advances the knowledge base and enhances the delivery of services to consumers.

**Recipients of each of the awards will be officially recognized during AASP's 2015 Annual Conference, held October 14 - 17 in Indianapolis, Indiana.**

Address all questions and nominations for AASP Awards to the President–Elect who coordinates all selection committees. All nomination materials and letters of recommendation **must be sent to AASP Headquarters and received by March 1*** of the award year.

## Completing the Award Application: Instructions

This award application is a fillable PDF form. Follow through the document and complete the boxes (fillable form elements) in all of the areas. When you need to save the document, simply save to your desktop so that you may return to the document.

When you are ready to submit this document, please save a PDF of the document on your computer. You MUST submit this document, along with any required supporting materials in ONE single attachment PDF file** to the AASP office via email info@appliedsportpsych.org, by March 1*. **Applications that do not follow guidelines per instructions will not be reviewed.**

**If you are submitting an application for the Performance Excellence award, please note that the submission deadline is November 1 for each year prior to the Award being given.*

***If you are filling out for the Doctoral Dissertation award – then you should submit two PDF's, one with a blind copy of the abstract only, and the other with your full application plus a non-blind abstract.*

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Description of Awards

## Dorothy V. Harris Memorial Award

The Dorothy V. Harris Memorial Award acknowledges the distinguished contributions of Dot Harris to sport psychology by recognizing the efforts of an AASP scholar/practitioner in the early stage of their scientific and/or professional career. The recipient receives $200 cash, a waived AASP 2015 conference registration fee, and a plaque awarded during a presentation summarizing the recipient's work.

**Award Criteria**

The recipient of the award must meet the following criteria:

- Received a doctoral degree no more than 7 years prior to nomination;
- Made significant contributions to AASP through presentations, publications, and/or involvement on committees; and
- Demonstrated a record of scholarship that clearly established the individual as a leading scholar/practitioner when compared to a group of people at similar stages in their academic careers.

The collected works of the individual should exhibit quality contributions that are both theoretical and practical, and that have been subjected to the critical review of established scholars/practitioners in the individual's area of expertise.

Evidence for this national/international distinction might include the innovation of the person's work, the impact the work has on the field of sport psychology, or the importance the work has in an applied setting

AASP members who believe they are qualified can nominate themselves and are encouraged to do so. In addition, AASP members are encouraged to nominate qualified individuals for this Award.

**Submission Guidelines**
*(to be attached in one-single pdf sent to info@appliedsportpsych.org)*

- Submit a letter of nomination supporting the nominee's national/international distinction might include the innovation of the person's work, the impact the work has on the field of sport psychology, or the importance the work has in an applied setting.
- Include a current curriculum vitae;
- Provide a one-two page summary of the nominee's work emphasizing the basic/applied importance of that work;
- Include reprints of five publications;
- Name an individual who will submit a letter of recommendation concerning the nominee's qualifications for the award;
- Include two (2) letters of recommendation for the nominee.

## Doctoral Dissertation Award

The Dissertation Award recognizes the completion of an outstanding dissertation by an AASP doctoral student member (dissertation must have been completed between January 1 and December 31, 2014). The recipient receives a free AASP 2015 conference registration and a plaque provided during the conference.

AASP invites student members to submit applications for the outstanding doctoral dissertation award. Applicants for the AASP Dissertation Award must meet the following guidelines:

- Completed a dissertation on a topic related to sport, exercise, and/or health psychology between January 1 and December 31
- Membership in AASP the application year and year preceding application

**Submission Guidelines**

1. Submit one copy of the entire dissertation.
2. Provide one original and one blind (no reference to author or affiliation) copy of a long abstract (up to three single-spaced pages). The abstract should include title, study purpose, method, results, and discussion.
3. Include a letter of support (two pages maximum) from the chair of the dissertation committee and a copy of the signed cover sheet (used by universities and signed by dissertation committee members indicating acceptance and completion of the dissertation work) with the application.

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## Distinguished International Scholar

The Distinguished International Scholar (DIS) award recognizes and honors the achievements of outstanding individuals from the international community whose scientific and/or applied work has significantly impacted the field of sport and exercise psychology. This individual will have made significant contributions to the scientific body of knowledge in sport and exercise psychology, as evidenced by a distinguished record of publications and/or by exceptional quality and innovation in delivering sport and exercise psychology services to the public. The recipient of this award will receive free AASP conference registration, up to four nights hotel accommodation, economy airfare, per diem, and a plaque presented at the conference before their designated presentation time. The recipient will also receive complementary AASP membership for the year following the conference.

### Award Criteria

The recipient of the award must meet four criteria:

1. Made significant contributions to the scientific body of knowledge in sport and exercise psychology, as evidenced by a distinguished record of publications and/or by exceptional quality and innovation in delivering services to the public. This may also include internationally excellent scholars whose primary interest is not sport and exercise psychology but whose work has made a significant impact on this field (e.g., an eminent psychology theoretician or a renowned clinical practitioner).
2. Been recognized for their impact on knowledge development and/or practical application in the field of sport and exercise psychology beyond their home country, as evidenced by international publications, conference proceedings, and worldwide presentations.
3. Has initially been nominated via formal application, consequentially selected by the International Relations Committee and subsequently been approved by the AASP Executive Board.
4. Although the nominated candidate does not need to be an AASP member, she/he has to be nominated by a current member in good standing.

The DIS is an award, not a type of AASP membership. Individuals who are not already AASP members and attain AASP DIS status are not automatically granted voting privileges, but rather are recognized and honored as DIS. Only when they accept membership status following the year that they received the award, will they be able to vote.

### Submission Guidelines

An AASP member must nominate candidates for this award. The International Relations Committee (IRC) will initially review nominations. Subsequently, a shortlist of candidates will be forwarded to the AASP Executive Board for final decision regarding the successful recipient. Please include the following materials in your application:

- A letter of nomination for the candidate from an AASP member describing, in detail, the achievements of the candidate in relation to the award criteria (three [3] pages maximum). The AASP member who nominates the candidate cannot also write one of the support letters.

- Two (2) letters of support for the candidate specifically describing the quality of the candidate's work and the impact that his/her work has had on the field of sport and exercise psychology. At least one of this letters has to be written by a professional in the sport and exercise psychology field.
- The candidate's Curriculum Vitae, which must be written in English and limited to a maximum of 6 pages.

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## Distinguished Professional Practice Award

The Distinguished Professional Practice Award recognizes the outstanding delivery of sport and exercise psychology services to the public. The recipient receives a $300 cash award, complimentary conference registration in the year of the award, and a plaque presented at the conference.

### Award Criteria

Nominees must meet the following four criteria:

1. Sustained involvement in and meaningful contributions to both the science (e.g., published papers and/or professional practice articles that are theoretically relevant, describing novel ways of applying methods used to existing literature) and the practice of systematic sport and/or exercise psychology service delivery;
2. Demonstrated quality and innovation of services that represent an exceptional practitioner-scholar model of professional practice;
3. Significant impact on service recipients that enhances public interest in and appreciation for the field of sport and exercise psychology;
4. Membership in AASP for 3 consecutive years at the time of the nomination.

### Submission Guidelines

An AASP member must nominate the candidate for this award and serve as the candidate's sponsor. The nomination materials include:

- A letter of nomination describing in specific detail the achievements of the candidate in relation to the three award criteria (3 pages maximum)
- Two (2) letters of support for the candidate specifically describing the quality and impact of the candidate's work. These letters should be written by participants in the group/agency in which the candidate's work has been focused (they should not be professional sport psychology colleagues)
- The candidate's curriculum vitae

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## Distinguished Student Practice Award

The Distinguished Student Practice Award recognizes outstanding service delivery in sport and exercise psychology by a student who demonstrates exceptional quality and innovation in delivering sport and exercise psychology services to the public. The recipient receives a free AASP 2015 conference registration and a plaque presented at the conference.

**Award Criteria**

The recipient of the Distinguished Student Practice Award must meet three criteria:

1. Must be a student at the time of the deadline for submissions, but does not have to be a student at the time the award is presented.
2. Must be an AASP member at the time of submission and at the time the award is presented.
3. Must have at least 100 direct contact hours with clients. Direct contact is defined by the hours in which face-to-face services were provided to an individual athlete, coach, team, exerciser, or client.

**Submission Guidelines**

An AASP member must nominate the candidate for this award and serve as the candidate's sponsor. Self-nominations are also accepted. Submission materials should include:

1. Two letters of support:
    a. One letter from the student's AASP supervisor/mentor.
    b. One letter from an AASP member who is involved in or knowledgeable about the student's service delivery (may be another student or professional).
    c. Additional letter(s) may be provided from recipients of services.
2. A 3-4 page double-spaced description of the service delivery experience(s). Outline the following in your description (use these as subheadings):
    a. Indicate whether Master's or PhD student
    b. Provide an approximate number of consulting hours obtained thus far (indicate: 1. total hours, 2. # of direct contact hours; Note: only include hours completed while a student)
    c. A brief description of AASP involvement (e.g., number of conferences attended, posters/presentations as lead author, posters/presentations as supporting author, any contribution to SIGs or committees, etc.)
    d. Consulting philosophy
    e. Description of the nature of the service delivery experience(s) being used for consideration of award (e.g., how did the opportunity come about, what was your role, etc.)
    f. Description of the intervention/services provided
    g. Discussion of the outcomes of the intervention/services provided
    h. Supporting references (peer-reviewed references that support your work and/or discussion of your work)
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Completed fillable pdf award application (**note:** all submission materials must be collated into ONE pdf file)

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## Master's Thesis Award

The Thesis Award recognizes the completion of an outstanding thesis by an AASP student member (thesis must have been completed between January 1 and December 31, 2013). The recipient receives free AASP 2015 conference registration and a plaque awarded during the conference.

### Award Criteria

Applicants must meet the following guidelines:

- Completed a thesis on a topic related to sport, exercise, and/or health psychology between January 1 and December 31
- Membership in AASP for the application year and year preceding application

### Submission Guidelines

1. Submit one copy of the entire thesis with a cover letter that includes contact information (current, permanent and email addresses) for the applicant.
2. Provide one original (with author name and affiliation) and one blind (no reference to author or affiliation) copy of the abstract. The abstract (title and content) is limited to three single-spaced pages and should include the study purpose, method, results, and discussion.
3. Include a letter of support (two pages maximum) from the chairperson of the thesis committee and a copy of the signed cover sheet (used by universities and signed by thesis committee members indication acceptance and completion of the thesis work) with the application.

No member(s) of the AASP Thesis Award Committee will evaluate theses with which they have had involvement. The evaluative criteria equates to that used to review manuscripts for publication in the *Journal of Applied Sport Psychology*.

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## Performance Excellence Award

AASP's Performance Excellence Award recognizes individuals who embody exemplary psychological principles associated with performance excellence as demonstrated through consistent achievement, merit or leadership over the course of their career.

### Award Criteria

1. Demonstrated a record of performance that clearly distinguishes the individual as exceptional when compared to a group of contemporaries, or
2. Exhibited an exceptional ability to perform at potential when it matters most or under inordinately adverse circumstances, or
3. Demonstrated a record of being able to consistently influence individuals to maximize their potential through the use of psychological principles associated with performance excellence.
4. The applicant has characterized the values and ethical practices that AASP promotes.

### Nomination Guidelines

An AASP member may nominate a candidate for this award by November 1 of the year prior to the Award being given (i.e. November 1, 2014 for the 2015 award). The nomination should include a description of the nominee's accomplishments and a rationale for why AASP should confer the award.

### Award Recognition

1. A plaque/award - given to the awardee.
2. A dedicated session will be scheduled where the awardee will present insights into the psychological process that led to nomination for the award.
3. The award is contingent upon an address given to the membership at the conference.
4. Travel costs to the annual conference, conference registration, and a hotel stay of up to 4 nights.

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## Student Diversity Award

The Student Diversity Award recognizes and honors the achievements of students involved in research, service or applied experiences that focus on issues of diversity (i.e., race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, social class, disability) that impact sport, exercise and health. The recipient receives a free AASP 2015 conference registration, and a plaque presented at the conference.

**The purpose of the Student Diversity Award is to:**

- Encourage and promote student research or applied experience related to issues of diversity that impact sport, exercise and health. (See AASP Position Statement on Human Diversity).

**Award Criteria**

Applicants for the award must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current AASP student member at the time of submission and award.
- Have made important contributions to the field of sport and exercise psychology in the area of diversity including but not limited to research, service, or applied work with clients, organizations or community groups dealing with diversity issues. Applicants need only fulfill one area (i.e., research, service or applied work) to be eligible.

**Submission requirements**

AASP student members who feel qualified may nominate themselves and are encouraged to do so. In addition, AASP professional members are encouraged to nominate qualified individuals for this award.

- A three page essay which addresses:
    - (a) how the student incorporates issues of diversity into her/his research, service and/or applied work
    - (b) the importance of addressing diversity in the field of sport and exercise psychology.
- A letter of recommendation from an AASP professional member familiar with the student's work.
- An updated curriculum vita.

Nominations for the award should be submitted before the March 1 deadline to the Chair of the Diversity Committee. The decision of the Diversity Committee will be submitted to the Executive Board for final approval. Up to two students may receive the diversity award each year

**Award Recognition**

- The Conference registration fee will be waived for the year of the award.
- A plaque will be given to the award winners at the Conference.

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**Please include this completed form as the first page in your nomination pdf.*

## Nominee Contact Information

| **Nominee First and Last Name** | **AASP Membership Status of Nominee**<br>◯ **Yes** ◯ **No** |
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| **Nominee Employer/Affiliation** | **Nominee Mailing Address**<br>Institution<br>Street Address Line 1<br>Street Address Line 2<br>City, State/Province, Zip<br>Country |
| **Nominee E-mail Address** | |
| **Nominee Telephone** | |

## Sponsor Contact Information

| **Sponsor First and Last Name** | **AASP Membership Status of Sponsor**<br>◯ **Yes** ◯ **No** |
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| **Sponsor E-mail Address** | **Sponsor Telephone** |

**Award Nominated For** – please choose one from the list below.

- ◯ **Dorothy V. Harris Memorial Award**
- ◯ **Dissertation Award**
- ◯ **Distinguished International Scholar**
- ◯ **Distinguished Professional Practice Award**
- ◯ **Distinguished Student Practice Award**
- ◯ **Master's Thesis Award**
- ◯ **Performance Excellence Award**
- ◯ **Student Diversity Award**